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Declaration of Available Inventors

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DECLARATION OF AVAILABLE INVENTORS

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

1. I am a joint inventor of the subject matter of Claims 1-22 of the patent application identified above, as filed and as amended by the Amendment and Response filed concurrently herewith.
2. Prior to the publication date of the Microsoft Systems Journal dated September 1, 1998, all of the joint inventors named below, along with David R. Mckinnis who was unavailable to sign this Declaration, had conceived and reduced to practice in this country the invention as described and claimed in the patent application identified above. A working prototype of the claimed invention existed and was included in a beta release of the "WINDOWS NT" software program prior to the publication date.
3. At least one of the joint inventors discussed the claimed invention with another employee of Microsoft Corporation, Mike Kelly, prior to the publication date to assist him in the preparation of an article that he was writing. Subsequent thereto,

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Mike Kelly's article entitled "Gain Control of Application Setup and Maintenance with the New Windows Installer," appeared in the September, 1998 edition of the Microsoft Systems Journal dated September, 1998 (hereinafter the "Article"). The Article describes one embodiment of the claimed invention.

All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.

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